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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which I acknowledge receipt, I, **Donald Roland Speck** of **570 Meyerwood Road, Festus, MO 63028**, sell and assign to **Ralston Purina Company**, a Missouri Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **HAM BONE SHAPED DOG TREAT** invented by me, as described in the application for United States patent executed concurrently herewith, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Ralston Purina Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, I will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to me respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

October 27, 1999

Donald Roland Speck
DONALD ROLAND SPECK

STATE OF Missouri)
County of St Louis) ss.

This 27th day of October, 1999, before me personally came the above-named **DONALD ROLAND SPECK** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Kristine M. Stein

KRISTINE M. STEIN
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